

Materials Needed:

- A short story or article about building forts (example: "The Fantastic Fort" - you may need to find or create a suitable age-appropriate text)
- Pencil or crayon
- Paper
- Optional: Blanket, pillows, chairs for potential fort building later

Welcome, Super Fort Builder!

Today, we're combining two awesome things: Reading and Forts! Reading helps us learn new things, follow directions, and imagine amazing places – just like building a super cool fort!

Reading Time: The Fort Adventure!

Let's read our story/article about forts. Pay close attention to who is building the fort, what they use, and what happens in their fort. Read it aloud together or take turns reading paragraphs.

Story Summary Example (Replace with your actual text):

"The Fantastic Fort" is about two friends, Alex and Mia, who decide to build the best blanket fort ever in their living room. They gather pillows, blankets, and chairs. They face a challenge when the cat tries to knock it down! They work together to fix it and have a secret clubhouse meeting inside.

Let's Check Our Reading Blueprints! (Comprehension Check)

After reading, let's talk about it:

1. Who were the main characters in the story?
2. What was the main thing they wanted to do?
3. What materials did they use to build their fort? (List at least two)
4. What problem did they have? How did they solve it?
5. What's one word from the story that describes their fort?
6. Can you retell the story in your own words, step-by-step?

Word Builders: New Vocabulary

Let's look at some words from our reading:

- **Structure:** Something that is built, like a fort or a house. Can you use 'structure' in a sentence?
- **Materials:** The things needed to build something. What 'materials' would you use for a fort?
- **Challenge:** A difficult task or problem. What was the 'challenge' in the story?

Activity: Design Your Dream Fort!

Now it's your turn to be the architect! On your paper, draw your ultimate dream fort. What special features would it have? Label at least three parts of your fort using your best handwriting and spelling. Maybe it has a reading nook, a snack station, or a secret entrance!

Bonus Mission (Optional):

Can you find the instructions in our story for how Alex and Mia built their fort? Could you follow similar steps to build a small fort right now?

Great reading and planning today, Fort Architect!